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SUBJECT: EAST EUROPEAN CONSULATES GENERAL IN WEST  
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1. AT THE JULY 31 BONN GROUP MEETING THE FONOFF REP  
(BLECH) REPORTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HAD REACHED A  
DECISION ON HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN CONSULATES GENERAL  
IN WEST BERLIN, NAMELY TO ASK THAT ALLIED APPROVAL OF  
THE CG'S BE DELAYED UNTIL FRG HAS ESTABLISHED FORMAL  
DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THOSE TWO NATIONS. BLECH SAID HE  
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HAD THE IMPRESSION FROM FRG-BULGARIAN TALKS JULY 30-31

(REPORTED SEPTTEL) THAT CONSULAR PROTECTION FOR WEST BERLINERS BY FRG EMBASSY SOFIA WILL BE LINKED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF BULGARIAN CG IN WEST BERLIN, AS WAS THE CASE WITH ROMANIANS (BONN 9073). ALLIES SAID THEY THOUGHT THEIR AUTHORITIES COULD AGREE TO DELAY FINAL ACTION ON BULGARIAN AND HUNGARIAN CG'S UNTIL FORMAL TIES WITH FRG ARE ESTABLISHED.

2. BLECH REPORTED THAT DURING TALKS WITH BULGARIANS IN BONN JULY 30-31, HEAD OF GOB DELEGATION (AND OF WEST EUROPEAN DEPT MFA IN SOFIA) GEORGIEV HAD COMMENTED THAT BULGARIANS EXPECTED FRG SUPPORT FOR THEIR APPLICATION FOR WEST BERLIN CG VIS-A-VIS ALLIES. BLECH SAID FRG DEL HAD ANSWERED THAT SUCH MATTERS WERE UP TO ALLIES TO DECIDE, BUT THAT IF ESTABLISHED PRECONDITIONS WERE FULFILLED, THE ALLIES MIGHT TAKE A FAVORABLE VIEW. FRG DEL THEN PASSED TO BULGARIANS ANOTHER COPY OF THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE (BONN'S A-845, AUGUST 22, 1969).

3. THE UK REP (CROMARTIE) SAID HE STILL THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF SOME RESPONSE TO GOB NOTE (SOFIA 645) COULD BE MADE TO BULGARIANS. HE SUGGESTED THAT, IF PRESSED AGAIN BY BULGARIANS, ALLIED EMBASSIES MIGHT TELL BULGARIANS WE WERE PREPARED TO LOOK FAVORABLY ON THEIR APPLICATION, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRACTICE SET DOWN IN 1969. BLECH SAID THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL, INASMUCH AS HIS AUTHORITIES FELT ESTABLISHMENT OF BULGARIAN AND HUNGARIAN CG'S IN WEST BERLIN FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BONN WOULD BE A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. BLECH SUGGESTED ALLIES COULD ALSO REMIND BULGARIANS THAT ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES THEIR APPLICATION SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE NAME OF THE PROSPECTIVE CONSUL. IF THE BULGARIANS MADE NO FURTHER APPROACH TO THE ALLIES, IT WAS AGREED THAT FURTHER BONN GROUP CONSIDERATION OF FORMAL REPLIES TO BULGARIAN AND HUNGARIAN (BUDAPEST 2397) NOTES COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE PROGRESS OF BILATERAL TALKS WITH FRG BECOMES MORE APPARENT, PROBABLY TOWARD THE END OF AUGUST.

4. BLECH SAID IT NOW APPEARS THAT FRG AND BULGARIA  
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MAY BE ABLE TO AGREE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BY THE END OF AUGUST. HE SAID THE BULGARIANS IN FACT ALREADY HAVE THEIR TRADE MISSION IN BONN, SO THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS IN CONVERTING TO AN EMBASSY WOULD PROBABLY ONLY INVOLVE A CHANGE IN NOMENCLATURE.  
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